

Please OPPOSE the following bills: SB16 and HB5416

Please SUPPORT the following bills: SB388, HB5415 and HB5412

To the Judiciary Committee,

SB16 claims to address gun violence and juvenile crime by its namesake, however a majority of the recommendations do nothing but erode the rights of law-abiding citizens who use firearms for hunting, sport or self-defense.

Section 3a (lines 205 – 288) of the proposed bill creates more gun free zones that negatively impact responsible gun owners while doing nothing to protect persons within those areas. **Instead, these laws create soft targets for those who wish to cause harm to others, and by neutering responsible and lawful gun owners' ability to protect themselves and their families, allow for a criminal to cause more harm over a longer duration while law enforcement is en route.**

Section 3b (lines 289 – 298) of the proposed bill eliminates the requirement of a person to be suspected of committing a crime before being required to present their permit upon the request of a law enforcement officer. This proposal directly infringes on the fourth amendment rights for legal and responsible gun owners and does absolutely nothing to reduce gun violence.

Concerning HS5416 (lines 73 – 78)

The proposed revisions to the general statutes would limit the purchases an individual may make of pistols and revolvers to 1 in a 30-day time period. This proposal only inhibits the ability for lawful and responsible gun buyers and owners from being able to participate in free commerce, and also erodes at our second amendment rights by adding additional and unnecessary hurdles to the purchasing of these firearms. The large selection of manufactures, calibers, models and features of pistols and revolvers gives gun buyers options for various use cases such as self-defense and sport shooting where different firearms may be better suited for different scenarios. HB5416 serves to do nothing but inhibit the ability for properly licensed, law-abiding citizens to grow their own collection at the rate they want to.

Concerning SB388

I applaud the efforts of this proposal and ask that you support this bill. Defending yourself from someone who is unlawfully entering a motor vehicle can be extremely difficult because of the confined space, inability to move freely when seated with a seatbelt, inability to clearly see if the intruder is carrying a weapon, and the possibility of not being able to drive away from the scene. The creation of a presumption that it is reasonable to believe deadly force is necessary to defend oneself or another person allows a responsible gun owner to act quickly to protect themselves and their passengers when in that high stress situation without needing to confirm the intruder's intentions.

In summary, the proposals in SB16 and HB5416 have nothing to do with stopping juvenile crime or reducing gun violence, they only introducing more restrictions, penalties and fees on lawful, responsible gun owners and dealers. Please OPPOSE SB16 and HB5416 and support SB388, HB5415 and HB5412.

Respectfully,
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